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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Curiel *et al.* § ART UNIT: 1632
FILED: September 9, 1999 §
SERIAL NO.: 09/393,173 §
FOR: Adenoviral Vector Encoding § EXAMINER:
Pro-Apoptotic Bax Gene and § Beckerleg, A.
Uses Thereof § DOCKET: D6163

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
BOX NON-FEE, AMENDMENT
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2001,
please enter the following amendments and remarks.
Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (twice amended) An inducible recombinant
adenoviral vector encoding an pro-apoptotic *bax* gene, wherein
coding sequence of said *bax* gene is placed downstream of a loxP
excision cassette.